

Minutes of the October 13, 2009 Animal Control Commission

The Animal Control Commission met on Tuesday October 13, 2009 in the Council Chamber of City Hall.

Members present: Laura Bartrom, C.J. Jones, Sarah Davis, Tom Shutes, Jackie Becker, Lt. Chris Weaver, LPD and Ed Chosnek, Legal Counsel.

The Commission met in a special work session to discuss proposed changes to Ordinance 2007-14 amended regarding limit of allowed animals per household and to obtain public input.

Ms. Bartrom called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

The Commission discussed the changes proposed at the September 10 meeting which allowed increasing the number of pets per household. One suggestion was to leave the limit the same as the current ordinance and have a “grandfather” clause written in that would allow for animals in excess of the limits with the understanding they would not be replaced when they are gone.

The following citizens spoke in opposition to raising the limit, Nancy Allen, Lafayette, Judy Glenhill, 1705 S. 13th St., Pearl Speakman, 923 N 22nd St., Gordon Lively, 1328 Holloway Dr. and Michael Hunt, 602 N 5th St.

The following citizen spoke in favor of increasing the limit, Peter Caldwell, Lafayette.

Ms. Bartrom asked for a poll of the Commission members for changing the limit with the following results. Mr. Jones was in favor of no limit or increased limit. Dr. Shutes in favor of keeping current limit but adding exceptions for foster care. Mrs. Becker was in favor of leaving the limit the same. And Mrs. Davis was in favor of leaving the limit the same with adding exceptions for foster care.

After discussion and by recommendation of the Commission, Mr. Chosnek will work on a preliminary draft to the current ordinance with no changes to the current limit of pets, but with exceptions for fostering, and rescue. A possible exception to limit with a home inspection by a qualified agency and adopting a Trap Neuter Return policy mirroring the City of Indianapolis’s ordinance will also be added.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

Minutes prepared by Sue Scott, Deputy Clerk

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